

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An adsorbent capsule comprising a pressed core of sorbent material having a water-insoluble binder, and a permeable water-soluble resin coating thereon.
2. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 1 wherein said coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
3. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 2 wherein said pressed core of adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 1 wherein said pressed core of adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.
5. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 4 wherein said water-insoluble binder comprises polyethylene.
6. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 1 wherein said capsule is of solid cylindrical form.
7. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 6 wherein said coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
8. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 7 wherein said pressed core of pressed-adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 6 wherein said pressed core of adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.

10. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 1 wherein said capsule is of cylindrical annular form.

11. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 10 wherein said coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

12. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 11 wherein said pressed core of pressed-adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 10 wherein said pressed core of adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.

14. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 1 wherein said capsule includes a ridged outer surface.

15. (Original) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 14 wherein said coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

16. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 15 wherein said pressed core of pressed-adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) An adsorbent capsule as set forth in claim 14 wherein said pressed core of adsorbent-sorbent material is selected from the group consisting of silica gel and activated carbon and combinations thereof.